

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****Town of Grafton**

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Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Public Meeting of the Finance Committee, 7:30 P.M.

Public Hearing of the Finance Committee, 8:00 P.M.

Conference Room B

The public meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Finance Committee members present:

Fred Churchill, Don Davison, Bob Foley, Bill Hanley, Doris Metivier, Sue Robbins, Dharmesh Shah

Finance Committee members absent:

Gary Murray, Dave Ross

Town Administrator Natalie Lashmit is in attendance along with Town citizen John Lapoint.

Transfer request for Reserve fund for FY07 on notice:

Council on Aging

Municipal Center Wiring

Alarm System

There was discussion regarding the alarm system for the Town.

Monetary issue

Is it a security lapse if the Police Department monitors the alarm system for the Town?

Police Chief is concerned that the Department may not handle the alarm system properly.

Miscommunication between the Chief and the alarm companies.

The dispatchers are more than likely overwhelmed with all of the calls coming in.

The Chief does not want the responsibility of monitoring the alarm system.

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Public Hearing

Motion: Sue Robbins moved the public hearing be opened.

Seconded: Bill Hanley. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public hearing opened at 8:00 P.M.

Article 4

Bob Foley is recusing himself from any discussion.

Town Administrator Natalie Lashmit spoke regarding Fisherville Mill.

Planning Board

Concerns are:

State standard of 40R example with the exception of dimensional standards

However, this is a unique amendment to the Zoning bylaw.

Dimensional standards need to be qualified.

Draft agreement has not been received at this time.

Economic impact report has been based on 240 units.

This document is setting a precedent since other 40R's are coming forward.

Planning Board hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

John Lapoint spoke.

This article will require a 2/3 vote. This will pass at Town Meeting but there are questions that will need to be answered, especially for families on Cross Street.

Water wells, school enrollment concerns. Concerns over the Planning Board's hearing and the possibility of the hearing not being completed or tabled to Tuesday night.

Grants have been applied for and there are several areas to obtain funds for this project. However, this is not the reason for moving quickly on passing this article.

Mr. Bernat may not be the developer of the property.

There is the risk of pushing it through at this time and bringing the possibility of pass over of the article due to it being a zoning amendment.

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Article 4 of the draft copy of the Fall Town Meeting

Motion: Fred Churchill moved that the Finance Committee strongly suggest that Article 4 is premature at this time and that this article be presented at a near future special town meeting. He requested a memo be sent to the Board of Selectmen, with copies to Mr. Bernat, the Planning Board, Town Administrator, and School Department. The motion should be amended to include the Planning Board, Town Administrator, and School Department. Seconded: Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

Website and cable channel to continue airing public hearings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Community Preservation Committee monies for the Designer Selection Committee

Doris Metivier will contact Phil Gauthier and Keith Regan. The Sewer Commissioners may come in tomorrow.

There was a discussion regarding the public hearing time frame and the possibility of not meeting on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Continuation

Motion: Fred Churchill moved the public meeting and public hearing be continued to Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public meeting and public hearing closed at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco